

Participation in ACCESS for ELLs®

	Explanation
<i>Who must participate in ACCESS testing?</i>	1. All students who have been screened and determined to be English Learners must take the ACCESS for ELLs® English proficiency test each and every year in each domain (listening, speaking, reading and writing) until the student reaches proficiency.
	2. Parental permission does not need to be obtained to test students.
	3. Students whose parents have declined permission to enroll their child in the ESOL program must be tested each year, in all four domains (listening, speaking, reading and writing).
	4. EL students for whom no ESOL teacher was available must be tested each year, in all four domains (listening, speaking, reading and writing).
	5. Proficiency is attained when an EL student in grades K-12 reaches the ACCESS for ELLs® composite score of no less than 5.0 and each domain score is no less than 4.0.
	6. If a student is re-entered into ESOL services due to a second language acquisition issue, the student must take the ACCESS until s/he re- attains proficiency.
	7. Students who have attained proficiency and are in Monitored status DO NOT take the ACCESS test.